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Language courses improve communication between employees

"When I first came to this country from Greece I knew only two phrases in English, 'good morning' and 'good night,' " said Despina Fidanos, a Deaconess building service employee for 11 years. "To learn to speak English, I would walk 30 minutes from my house to school and back two evenings a week," she continued. "Now I'm learning to write English. One night the electricity was off, but I did my homework by candlelight. My husband said I was crazy, but I thought it was important."

Such persistence and hard work by Fidanos and other Deaconess employees was recognized recently by the hospital during a reception held in their honor. Certificates acknowledging their participation in an "English as a Second Language" program were presented to 25 employees by Director Richard E. Lee. Also in attendance were: President Laurens MacLure; program instructor Susan Phillips, Roxbury Community College; and Director of Training Wayne Weiner.

Weiner's department organized a pilot program in the English language for building services employees a year and one-half ago. While basic English courses were available to people outside of the hospital, it was decided for very practical reasons to offer an English program internally.

"In carrying out daily responsibilities, building services employees often encounter restricted areas in the hospital," explained Building Services Manager Thompson Greenlaw. "They must be able to understand fully the precaution and isolation procedures on patient floors in order to work efficiently and safely for their benefit as well as that of their colleagues and our patients," continued Greenlaw.

"In the past, some non-English-speaking employees depended on their co-workers to translate and explain certain signs or procedures," said Greenlaw. "When we reached the point where one-third of our daytime shift spoke a foreign language, but understood little English, we decided it would be worthwhile to offer them an extensive English language course to improve communication and productivity in the department and help those employees feel more a part of the hospital," he commented. The building services department is responsible for maintaining a clean and attractive hospital environment.

Forty employees currently participate in the language program, which now is available to all employees and includes courses in beginning and intermediate Spanish. Many building services employees are taking these Spanish courses in order to better understand patients and their fellow workers. "The language program couldn't be successful without the cooperation of all building services personnel," said Greenlaw, who has completed a Spanish course. "Shifts had to be covered while some employees were in class, but we thought the results were worth the extra effort."

Instructor Susan Phillips congratulates Annemarie Trumble on her participation in a language program at NEDH. Nereida Colon, building services, receives a certificate from Director Richard E. Lee (below, right).

All seven employees interviewed concerning the program – Leonne Bigot, Nereida Colon, Eveline DiRado, Despina Fidanos, Annemarie Trumble, Maria Coutinho, Antonia Diogo – had taken English courses, previously, with varying degrees of success. When asked what made the Deaconess program different from the others, all seven replied "the teacher."

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The 1981 class of the NEDH Training Center for Blood Bank Specialists graduated on December 18 with a ceremony and reception in the Harris Hall living room. Participants included: (front row, l-r) Dr. Eugene Berkman, a pathologist at Tufts-New England Medical Center, who gave lectures to students at the center; Graduates Faith Kaplan and Michelle Sugrue; Blood Bank Supervisor Maruditsa Mitsiu; Blood Bank Director Agnes Kim, MD; (back row, l-r) Graduate Betsy Moyer; Susan Carbone and Brenda Pina, who audited the program.

Blood Bank specialists training program completes 10th year

"The quality of our program for blood bank specialists is measured by the excellent placement of the graduates in top hospitals and medical centers," stated President Laurens MacLure, in praising the most recent graduates of the NEDH Training Center for Blood Bank Specialists at a graduation ceremony on December 18.

Graduates Faith Kaplan and Michelle Sugrue will remain at the Deaconess as blood bank technologists, while Betsy Moyer will work as a blood bank technologist at the Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg. Susan Carbone and Brenda Pina audited the program while working in blood banks at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, and at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, respectively.

Blood Bank Director Agnes Kim, MD was master of ceremonies at the graduation reception, introducing Dr. Merle A. Legg, chairman of the pathology department, who congratulated the graduates and the center for its consistently high quality of work. He added that the NEDH program was one of the top in the country out of 62 such programs nationwide.

Dr. Kim also introduced Dr. Bradley Copeland, former chairman of the NEDH Pathology Department and now chief pathologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"This program trains its graduates to strive for excellence. There is no sub-

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Susan Phillips, instructor for the course, started the program with 25 students, a group which represented at least five foreign languages, and as many levels of ability in conversational and written English. The challenge for Phillips was to find a common ground. "I translate as little as possible," said Phillips, who speaks Spanish and understands Italian and Portuguese. "I depend on mime to fill in the gaps. Sometimes you have to be very expressive physically – a bit of a 'ham' – to get your meaning across."

Phillips begins a course by teaching hospital terminology through the use of signs and flashcards. After covering phrases specifically related to the workplace, she presents grammar lessons and reviews homework assignments. Phillips often has the students simulate everyday exchanges they may have – for example, between a housekeeper and supervisor, or a customer and storekeeper. The remainder of the two-hour course, which meets twice weekly, is spent on individual lessons and writing exercises. As on the job, the "buddy" system is used in the classroom with employees helping other students if they don't understand a lesson.

Phillips says she has never taught such a motivated group. "They want to learn. They realize how disempowering it is for them in this society if they do not understand English. The students have been able to learn more through this program because the hospital has given me flexibility in planning a curriculum which will accommodate everyone as much as possible," she said.

On a personal level, the mutual respect felt by Phillips and program participants is obvious in the classroom. "They are such a gracious group, presenting an 'old world' sense of manners and values," explained Phillips. "I respect them because the majority of them came to this country as immigrants, and they had to struggle to make a living for their families. Nothing ever has been just given to them."

One rule Phillips insists on in the classroom is correct grammar at all times, a philosophy which is appreciated by her students. "We will speak and understand English better than the people who have been born in this country," said Eveline DiRado.

The seven employees interviewed concerning the language program all agreed that they had gained confidence in expressing themselves in English, and were less shy in asking questions when a situation wasn't clear to them. "When you don't understand everything that's being said around you, then you don't want to speak at all because you're afraid of making a terrible mistake or sounding foolish," explained DiRado. The students expressed an interest in continuing to learn English, not only conversation, but writing and reading as well. For some, learning English gives them an opportunity to progress in their hospital departments and participate more fully in their communities.

The 16-week course will continue to be offered in order to reinforce the overall goal of clear communication between Deaconess employees. It appears this goal has been achieved to the satisfaction of many employees. "The students are determined to get their meaning across," said one building services supervisor. "If they make a grammatical error in discussing something with you, they'll stop and start over until they get it right. In return, they keep me on my toes because I have to concentrate on how effectively I'm communicating in return."

Susan Phillips (r), an instructor from Roxbury Community College, teaches a course in English to Deaconess employees (l-r) Conchita Lopez, Isabel Torres and Nereida Colon.

Building service employees who successfully completed the 16-week pilot program in "English as a Second Language" were: (back row, l-r) Despina Fidanos, Galini Papadoupoulous, Parthena Apazidis, Vincenza Scolaro, Nunziata Presti, Carlos Leyva, Antonia Diogo, Susan Phillips (instructor), Nereida Colon, Eveline DiRado, Leonne Bigot, Mirta Leyva, Maria Coutinho, Cidalia Jesus; (front row, l-r) Conchita Lopez, Isabel Torres, Manual Santos, Maria Gils.

Graduation day reunites former colleagues

The graduation ceremony and reception also gave several 1973 graduates an opportunity to have a reunion. Reminiscing with Dr. Bradley Copeland are blood bank specialists (l-r) Sandra Porter Berse, Cape Cod Hospital; Choon Soon Kim, Tufts-New England Medical Center; Barbara Gorgone, Sidney Farber Cancer Institute; and Garland Smith, Ortho Diagnostics in New Jersey.

Faith Kaplan, a 1981 graduate of the NEDH Training Center for Blood Bank Specialists, receives a "singing" telegram sent by several of her friends in recognition of her graduation day.

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stitute for that in the work of a blood bank technologist," stated Dr. Copeland. "The Deaconess program is one of the very best in the country. I think we should be grateful that the administration of this hospital has supported this program financially over the past ten years. It shows foresight and commitment."

Candidates for the NEDH Training Center for Blood Bank Specialists must be medical technologists, and have two years experience working in a blood bank. Blood bank specialist trainees work as full-time employees while they study at the Deaconess.

President Laurens MacLure (l) talks with Dr. Eugene Berkman, a pathologist at the Tufts-New England Medical Center.

Season's Greetings

Angela Botero, whose father works in dietetics, visits with Santa.

Snoopy and Charlie Brown (Jennifer Page, personnel) dance with children of Deaconess staff members during a holiday party at the hospital on December 22.

Santa (Andy Martignetti, materials management) listens to Pamela Claire's Christmas wishes. Pamela's mother, Allouma, works as a nurse's assistant on Farr 3.

Snoopy (Betty Maio-Vermette, personnel) and Rocio Avendano dance to the holiday music. Rocio's mother, Cecilia, works in building services.

Assistant Director Marjorie Pond and Associate Director David Lilley serve eggnog to Deaconess employees.

Caroline D'Agostino (far left), daughter of Dr. Eduardo D'Agostino, an NEDH anesthesiologist, dances with her friends.

Ryan Hayes, son of Dr. Joseph Hayes, a second-year surgical resident, enjoys what Santa has to say, while his young friend looks a bit dubious.

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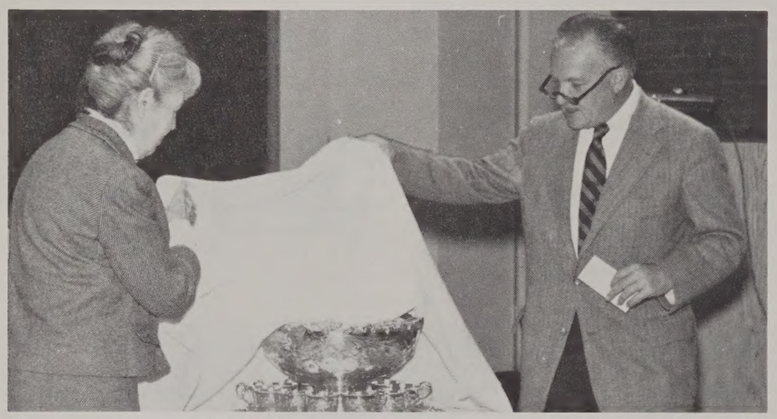
School of Nursing Alumnae Association meets for 13th annual reunion day

NEDH School of Nursing Alumnae Association members gathered for their 13th annual reunion day on November 7 in Audrey K. Kennedy Hall, NEDH. A business meeting was followed by a report delivered by Susan Koegler '69, on the 1981 National League for Nursing convention. Guest speaker for the morning program was Jack Flaherty, RN, nursing coordinator in the NEDH Mental Health Unit.

After the meeting, luncheon for approximately 200 alumnae members was served at Valle's Restaurant in Newton. Lois Schulz, president of the alumnae association, headed the luncheon, which included greetings from NEDH President Laurens MacLure.

A highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of a silver punchbowl to the hospital in memory of Muriel Lund '30. The punchbowl was given by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Horan, of Chathamport, long-time friends of Muriel Lund and the Deaconess Hospital.



Mrs. Laurence Horan and NEDH President Laurens MacLure uncover a silver punchbowl which was presented to the hospital by Mrs. Horan and her husband in memory of Muriel Lund '30.

Class of '51: *(l-r) Ina Lemke Lott, Lois Milligan Boyce, Anne White Adamson, Winifred Stuart Pickering.*

Class of '66: *(standing, l-r) Anne Bradburg Christoph, Diana Fay Knowles; (seated, l-r) Janice Mathews O'Shaughnessy, Gretchen Obermeyer Droesch, Sally Rodgers Tracy.*

Class of '56: *(standing, l-r) Margaret Albright Bergers, Barbara Long Ham, Audrey S. Schmidt; (seated, l-r) Dolores Peterson Bengtson, Diane Cushing Willard, Nita S. Davis, Sharma Kenney Colford.*

SON alumnae catch up on each other's activities over the past year.

M. Bernice Moore Flaherty (l) and Marjorie Dean Carvealho, class of '27.

Class of '76: *(standing, l-r) Margery Rose Condon, Marcia Wood, Laura Ritter; (seated, l-r) Ann McCallan Manning, Bea Alfonso.*

Class of '61: *(standing, l-r) Joyce MacKinnon Hasasel, Judy Rich Riggo, Nancy Smith Howes, Judith Moore Holland, Carole Palise Vollman, Lynne Fishel Sias, Vicki Cahill Madden, Majorie Burgess, Brenda C. Allen, Christine K. Blenninger, Jean S. Mulligan, Judith Collins Murthy, Anne M. Braff; (seated, l-r) Beverly Irwin Green, Judy Clark Storer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Ann Karlesen Cummings, Pamela Jackson Hollenbach, Carolyn Burgess Silk.*

Class of '32: *(standing, l-r) Alice Crabiel Crosby, Mary L. Crawford, Marian Rugman; (seated, l-r) Sigrid Greary, Dora D. Souders, Evangeline Foote Pugsley, Elizabeth Curtis.*

Class of '41: *(standing, l-r) Frances Beevers Butters, Jean Fuller Godfrey, Ethel Blaisdell Melin; (seated, l-r) Sherbie Mayhue, Janet Merrow Lavery, Victoria Ibell Bordonaro and Lois Preston, associate director of Deaconess nursing service.*

Joanne Staples Millsaps '56 serves as associate director of Derry VNA

While dedicating 26 years to a diverse nursing career, Joanne (Staples) Millsaps never had time to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN). Two years from now, however, she will be able to add a BSN to the list of accomplishments she has achieved since her graduation from NEDH School of Nursing in 1956.

"Just last year I returned to college through the University of New Hampshire's Expanded Baccalaureate Opportunities for RN's program because I never had a chance to get a BSN after all of these years working in the field," explained Joanne.

From staff nurse to administrator, Joanne has earned the title "true professional" from her colleagues and friends.

Upon stepping down in early 1981 from her post as executive director of the Derry (NH) Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), she was praised in the association's annual report dedication with these words: "Joanne had led the agency through its greatest time of growth. Most of all, Joanne is a professional." Today, Joanne serves as associate director of the Derry VNA while she attends college.

"I coordinate the adult health program," explained Joanne. "We do blood pressure screening and group health clinics for senior citizens – about 60 workshops a year. By 1982, we hope to set up group health clinics for all ages, and focus more attention on preventive medicine."

"We hold the clinics in church halls and schools in the towns served by the Derry VNA — Londonderry, Windham, Chester and Derry," she added.

In 1956, Joanne graduated from the NEDH School of Nursing and immediately began working as a staff nurse on a medical/surgical patient floor in the Baker building.

"I was there for about six months, working a rotating shift of night and day duty," she remembered. "Then I began working as a teaching nurse in the NEDH Diabetes Treatment Unit (DTU) at Joslin Clinic. I really, really loved that job." At the DTU, Joanne gave individual and group instruction on such subjects as insulin injections, urine testing, nutrition, foot care and insulin reactions.

Three years later, Joanne and her husband, Clifford, moved from the Boston area to Lawrence (MA). "It was before Rte. 93 was built so the commute to the DTU was a difficult one, to say the least. I commuted until it became a hassle," said Joanne. "Finally, I resigned and took a part-time job at the Bon Secours Hospital in Lawrence as a staff nurse. That hospital was so close to where I lived that I could walk to work!"

The birth of her daughter Patricia Ann in 1960, followed two years later by the birth of her son Jon Clifford, briefly interrupted her nursing career. "After staying at home with the children for four years, I decided to go back to nursing as a private, night nurse in three hospitals in Manchester (NH)," commented Joanne. "We had moved to Chester (NH) by this time, so it worked out quite well. Later, I spent three years as a staff nurse at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Manchester working in the coronary care unit." Sacred Heart later merged with another hospital in Manchester to become the Catholic Medical Center.

"In 1969, I joined the Derry VNA as a part-time staff nurse while I did substitute teaching at the grammar school my children attended. Eventually, I began working at the VNA full time, and from 1974 to 1981, I served as the executive director," she said.

For Joanne, her Deaconess training gave her a "fantastic" start on her career. "The standards were set so high, and the quality of work I observed was so excellent, that I have always set my own standards just as high in all of the jobs I held after graduation. The Deaconess gave me a well-rounded education in nursing that I never will stop appreciating," she concluded.

Alumnae Notations

Ruth West '14: "How well I remember way back to 1914 when I graduated. I have been hospitalized with heart failure, but I am recovering and have a homemaker and health aide who make it possible for me to remain in my own home. I have passed my 90th birthday."

Ethel Larson Cederberg '21: "We celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary in April. We have had a wonderful life, and God has been very good to us."

Elsie Wells '21: "My 84th birthday was in February. I still keep in touch with several of my classmates."

Florence Bostock '23: "I live with my sister and keep busy with church activities."

Hazel Rogan '31: "I am looking forward to our 50th reunion this year – can't believe it's here!"

Irene Taber Miller '36: "Since my retirement from Radnor School District in Wayne, Pennsylvania as health services coordinator, we have done a lot of travelling to the Orient, India, Bali and Europe. We still spend summers on our island house in Maine. I also volunteer for a Red Cross bloodmobile and do cancer research work."

Myrna Palmer '36: "My sister and I, both widows, are enjoying retirement in our log home in Waterboro, Maine. It's peaceful, quiet and beautiful among the white birches. I spent 7½ years as director of housing for the elderly in Maynard, and loved every minute."

A. Beryl Chadd '37: "I'll always be grateful for the wonderful nurse's training that I received at NEDH."

Alice Brackett '39: "I recently retired after 20 years with the Braintree Public Schools, and am presently living in Port Lucie, Florida."

Elizabeth James '39: "I am retiring this fall after 42 years of an active, rewarding nursing experience."

Ruth Heath '43: "The fall reunion days are wonderful – it's great to have an opportunity for all to come together and enjoy that 'sense of belonging' again."

C. Andrews '45: "Have recently been hospitalized for 2½ months with multiple fractures following an auto accident."

Jeannette Grant Stewart '45: "Am currently working as a part-time float at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. I have been fortunate to act as a preceptor in the re-entry program for RN's, and have enjoyed sharing my experiences and clinical practice in an attempt to guide the re-entrants back into nursing."

Elinor C. Eklund '52: "I am working as refugee coordinator for the Lutheran Social Services."

Marion Green '52: "In May 1980 I received a bachelor of science degree in professional arts – business administration. I am a head nurse in the ambulatory surgery unit at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Maryland."

Barbara Cree Barker '53: "I plan to return to nursing after completion of a refresher course at Middlesex Community College."

Gwen Bissell Kimball '56: "My daughter Cynthia graduated from high school the same weekend as my 25th class reunion – I still thought of everyone."

Marilyn W. Denton '57: "My nine-year-old daughter underwent her third renal transplant at Children's Hospital this summer and is now doing quite well."

Ellie Thompson McAveeney '57: "My husband transferred to Philadelphia a year ago. I am still working, and enjoying our three children who are now at Purdue University in Indiana."

Beverly Burt '58: "I spent the past winter in Hollywood, Florida where I did private duty nursing."

Lynda Ferdinando '60: "I still work part-time and love my work. I cover at state pediatric, orthopedic and convulsive disorder clinics. I see Diane Conlon '59 at the Elliot Hospital."

Jean Skinner Mulligan '61: "My daughter, Kelly, entered SON class of 1984."

Patricia Maier Beaulieu '62: "In June I graduated from AIC in Springfield with a bachelor of science in health service administration. For more than two years I have been working at Berkshire Medical Center as assistant nursing administrator responsible for staff services."

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News in Brief

Deaths

Ann King Dowell '19
Ruth Hulett '29
Alice Gillespie Blanke '30
Edna Petty Hager '30
Muriel Hague Lund '30
Rose Ungleborg Olson '33
Shirley Broadbent Lueder '53
Lois Ekstrom Sampson '56.

Sympathy

Marion Voye Breen '17, on the death of her son, Chester.

Marion Walters Bell '22, on the death of her husband, Dr. Raymond Wing, in August.

Marit Dimes '30, on the death of her daughter.

Dorothy Putnam '42, on the death of her mother.

Elaine Gustin Hamlin '47, on the death of her mother in September.

Marilyn Warden Denton '57, on the death of her husband.

Elinor C. Eklund '52, on the death of her husband in March.

Dorothy Coles Fairweather '52, on the death of her husband.

Joanne Lawrence Marzilli '64, on the death of her daughter, Melissa, age 5, following open-heart surgery.

Weddings

Doris Simpson McLaughlin '28, to Ralph Atwood.

Alma Kall Conley '43, to Ray W. Nau.

Jann Ferreira '77, to Mark P. Ahern, August 1980.

Births

Marilyn Lydecker Bowen '66, first child, Catherine Mary, born August 26, 1980.

Charlotte Clive '70, first child, Sara Putnam, born September 25, 1980.

Margery Rose Condon '76, a son, John Patrick, born January 15, 1981.

Shirley-Ann Jones Weir '76, a son Brent Daniel, born December 14, 1980.

Donna Roberts Ward '78, first child, Thomas James, born November 5, 1980.

A note of interest . . . .

Consolidating and refinancing college loans will be much simpler under a new pilot program to help students who have repayment problems. Several loans may be combined into a single new loan, at 7% interest. For more details, write to Student Loan Marketing Association, Loan Consolidation Program, 1050 Thomas Jefferson St., NW; Washington, DC 20007.

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Mary Tervo Quinn '62: "In July 1980 I was certified as an ob-gyn nurse practitioner. I am enjoying thoroughly my own practice within a private physician's practice in Concord, Massachusetts."

Lucia Virgadamo Baumgarteh '64: "Peter and I were married three years ago and are very happy. I have been working in nursing homes for the past several years – I prefer geriatrics."

Joyce Miller '64: "In April I received my associate degree (on my way to a bachelor of science in nursing); baby #3 was born, and in May, we moved to Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia."

Sandra McKay '65: "I am on the board of directors of the New England Orthopedic Nurses Association. I made an audio-visual teaching aid for postoperative care following total knee replacement (sold nationally), and a videotape in postoperative rehabilitation following total hip replacement."

Charon Pierson '65: "Last September I was interviewed about new treatments for urinary incontinence in women on a talk show on cable television in Los Angeles. In August I presented a paper on current research methods in gynecology/urology at the midwest Regional Planned Parenthood Conference.

Shirley Overstreet '66: "Enjoying being a head nurse at NEDH. I am an enthusiastic runner, back-packer and I'm getting into climbing."

Pat Jeffery '67: "We moved from Maryland to eastern Connecticut last year. I am working at Norwich Hospital in the alcohol detoxification unit. Have visited with Jan Steele Lander '65 and Heather Mulligan Kiss '68, who are both living in the area."

Mary Quinn '67: "This year I made a big change, going from dialysis in the clinical area to a position with Travelol, in the regulatory area of the artificial organs division. Basically I am involved with complaint handling and federal regulation of medical products. I miss New England and the Deaconess, but I am enjoying the Chicago area. Will probably return to school next year to take business courses at North Western University."

Janice Mottard '68: "I plan to work part-time locally at Lahey Medical Center in Burlington. Our second son is four-months-old."

Patricia French Rivers '71: "I work in a small hospital outside of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During a recent job interview I met and hired Cheryl Cutter Bourdony '74."

Mona Tremblay Kaser '72: "In 1980 I received a master's of science in community health nursing from University of Michigan."

Deborah Brackett Brennan '73: "Am working as a supervisor at a local nursing home. Amy is now five-years-old, and Kelly is three.

Joy Page '73: "We are now living in Newburgh where my husband, Greg, is a manager for Federal Express. Have just started work again as an activities director at an adult rest home, where I can bring Brian, age 5 and Elizabeth, 2½, to work with me!"

June Jensen '75: "In 1978, I graduated summa from Rhode Island College and, in June 1981, from New England School of Law with a juris doctor degree. In law school, I was coordinating editor of the New England Law Review, and also published an article on Title IX and women's athletics, which was cited by the National Law Journal."

Ann Manning '76: "Bob and I built a house last year, and did most of the work ourselves. Maura is now one-year-old, and Jonathan is three. I work part-time at Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington."

Susan Kallman Waldman '76: "I was married in 1980, and our first baby is due soon. Am presently working in the operating room at St.Vincent's Health Center in Erie."

Robert Fletcher '79: "In June 1980 I married Gail, and in April 1981, we had our daughter, Jocelyn Leigh. I am working as a helicopter rescue nurse in northwest Montana, and attend school part-time toward a bachelor of science in nursing."

Beth Chadwick Schwab '79: "Married in May 1980. We are happily living on our boat in Cranston, Rhode Island."

School of Nursing hosts Helene Fuld Health Trust

The 1981 Media Review Committee of the Helene Fuld Health Trust recently met at the School of Nursing (SON) to review video and slide-tape programs submitted by the schools of nursing associated with the trust.

Beneficiaries of the Helene Fuld Health Trust include more than 140 schools of nursing in the United States and abroad, with about 18,000 students receiving financial support for educational programs.

The video and slide-tape programs were reviewed by the committee's nursing and media faculty for content, application for other schools, quality and production standards. Prior to the review, qualified audio-visual programs were chosen by L. James Landureth, for distribution to all schools holding Fuld grants. Landureth is audio-visual coordinator at Memorial Hospital System, Houston Baptist University School of Nursing, Texas.

Members of the steering committee included: Ellen D. Howland, SON director; Irene Collins, SON administrative secretary; Ernest Cakounes, SON audio-visual coordinator; Barbara Hooker, SON associate director; Sharon Deehan, director at Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Medford; Barbara Robbins, instructor, Leominster Hospital School of Nursing in Massachusetts.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Gordon A. Philips, attorney for the Helene Fuld Health Trust. While in Boston, Philips toured the facilities of several other Massachusetts nursing schools which have received Fuld grants.

The Helene Fuld Health Foundation, located in Trenton, New Jersey, was established in 1935 by Dr. Leonhard Felix Fuld and his sister, Florentine M. Fuld, in memory of their mother, Helene, to recognize her accomplishments as a health crusader and educator in New York City during the 1880's. The primary objective of the trust is to assist in improving the health, welfare and education of nursing students.

In 1979, NEDH was awarded a $25,000 grant by the Helene Fuld Health Trust for the educational benefit of student nurses enrolled in the Deaconess three-year diploma program. Included in the grant were the audio-visual equipment, software and library books from the Lynn Hospital School of Nursing, which closed in June of 1979. The $25,000 was used toward the purchase of new equipment and to help defray moving, installation and renovation costs. Renovations at the NEDH School of Nursing included a studio for videotaping, a closed circuit television system and a photography darkroom. In 1980, a $12,000 grant was awarded to improve the security system in Audrey K. Kennedy Hall, SON.

Thanks to the Alumnae Association . . .

The class of 1981 would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous gift of our Night at Pops. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Sincerely,
The Class of 1981

"My thanks for the trip to the National League of Nursing convention in Las Vegas last May. I would not have been able to attend if this opportunity had not been made available to me by the Alumnae Association. The convention was extremely well-organized, and the topics presented were interesting and timely. Las Vegas is a city like no other!

Again, thank you,
Susan Koegler '69

NEDH celebrates holiday season (see page 3)

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